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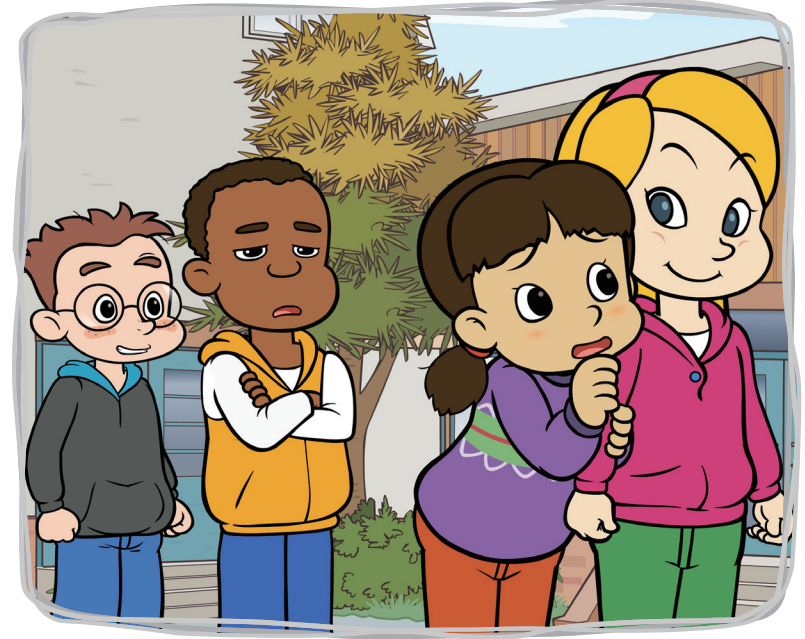




Bobby was dribbling a basketball on the blacktop. He was pretending to be on the Eagles, the high school's team.

Miss Shelly was getting ready to start an activity. "It'd better be fun," Bobby thought. He didn't want to stop playing basketball.

Miss Shelly had a big box of chalk and

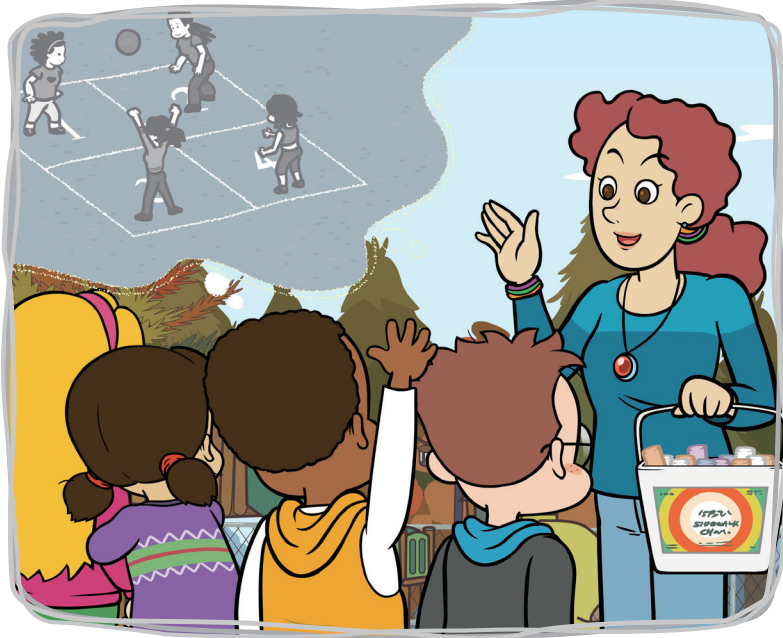


a ball. She blew her whistle. "Let's gather on the blacktop!" she called.

"I want to be on Izzie's team!" Nina cried.

"You don't even know what we're doing yet," Bobby said.

"We're going to play a game. It's called Four Square," Miss Shelly said.

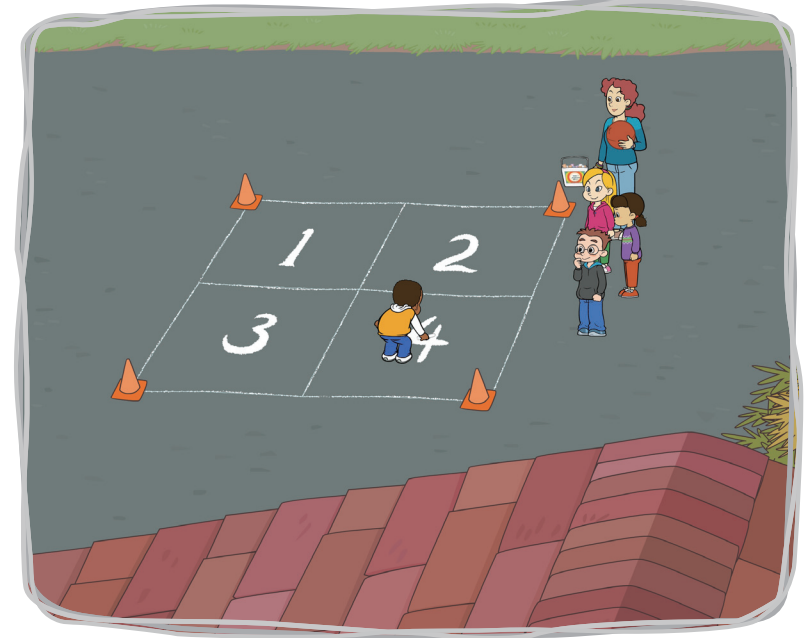


Bobby knew Four Square. His sisters played it. Kids Central was going to be fun today.

“Who has played Four Square before?” Miss Shelly asked.

Only Bobby raised his hand. “I’m going to be the best!” he thought.

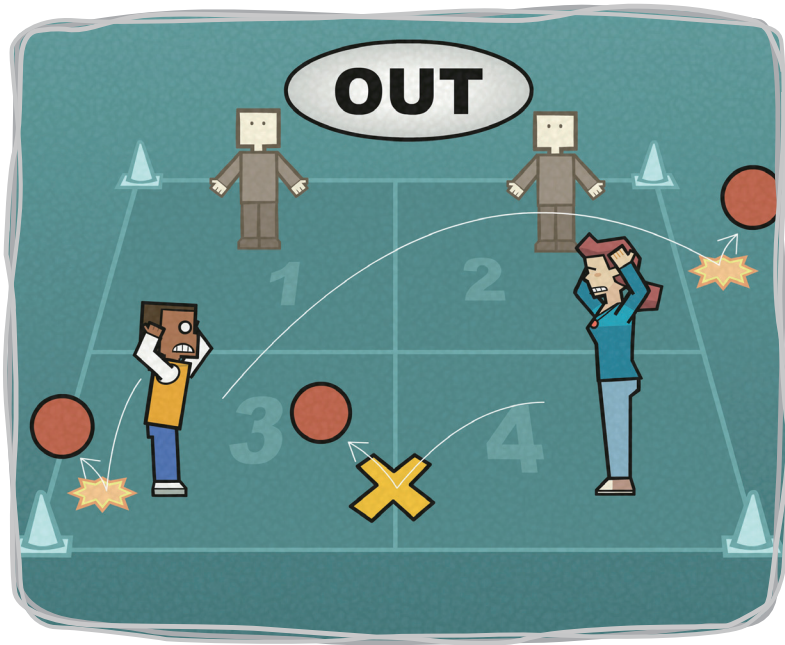
“Bobby, would you draw a Four Square



board for us?” Miss Shelly asked. She held out the chalk.

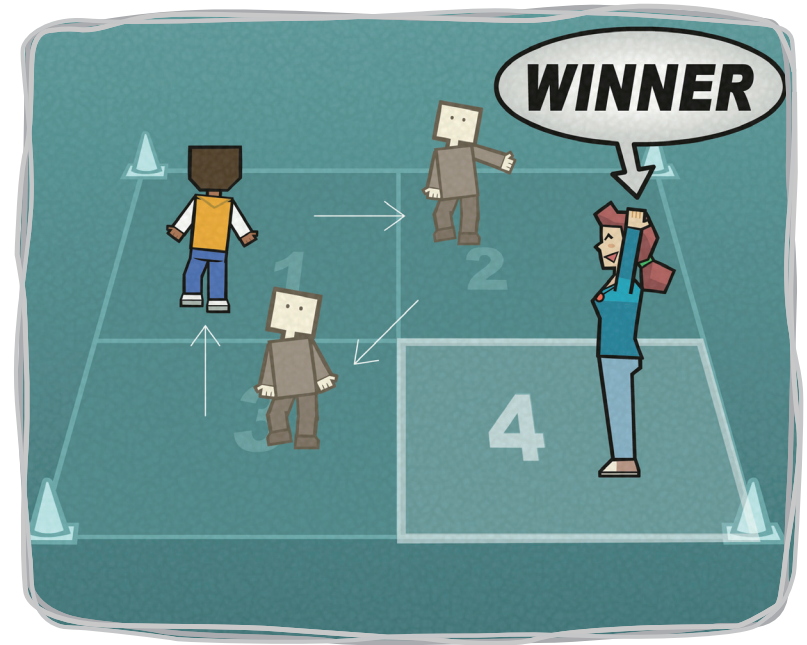
Bobby drew a large square and then divided it into four smaller squares. He numbered them 1, 2, 3, 4.

“I start by passing the ball to Bobby,” explained Miss Shelly. “The ball must bounce *once* in my square and then go into



Bobby's. If the ball lands on any line, I am out.

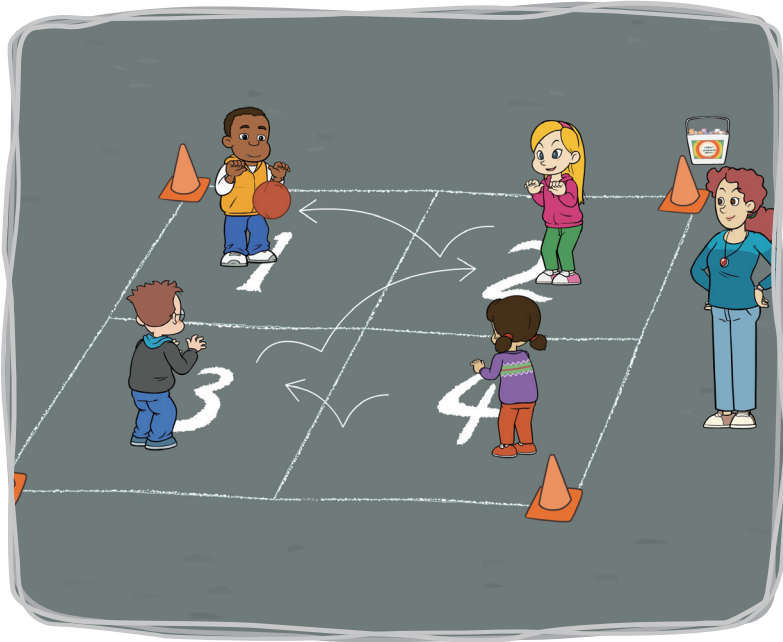
"Bobby must hit the ball with his hands and bounce the ball to another square. If he doesn't, he is out. If the ball goes out of the big square without bouncing in any square, he is out. If he catches the ball, he is out.



"If Bobby is out, he will go to square 1. The person in square 1 will move to square 2, and so on. We will play for five minutes. Whoever is in square 4 at the end wins!

"Bobby, you're in square 1. Izzie, square 2. Jason, 3. Nina, 4."

"That's not fair!" Bobby cried. "I'm

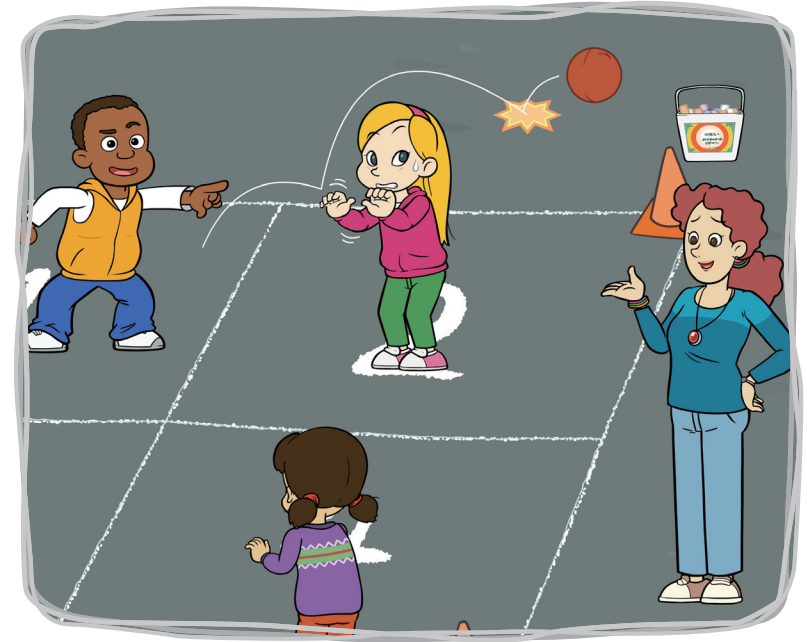


going to lose!”

“It’s ABC order, Bobby,” Miss Shelly replied. “Square 4 starts. Here you go, Nina!”

“Ready?” Nina said. Everyone nodded. She bounced the ball to Jason in square 3.

Jason bounced the ball to Izzie. Izzie bounced the ball to Bobby. Bobby bounced



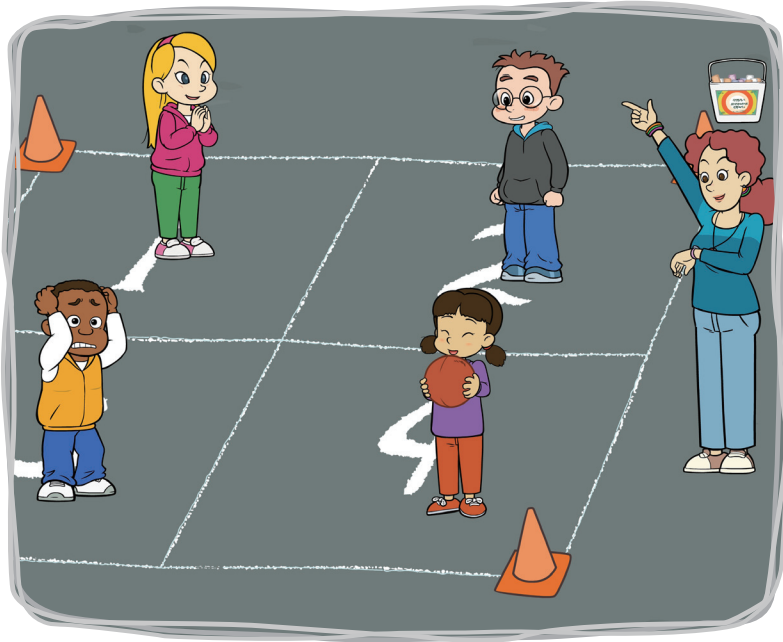
the ball back to Izzie. But she missed!

“You’re out!” Bobby shouted.

“Bobby, there’s no need to yell,” Miss Shelly warned. “Nina, go ahead and start again.”

Nina bounced the ball to Jason.

“Ten seconds left,” Miss Shelly called. Bobby panicked. He had to get Nina



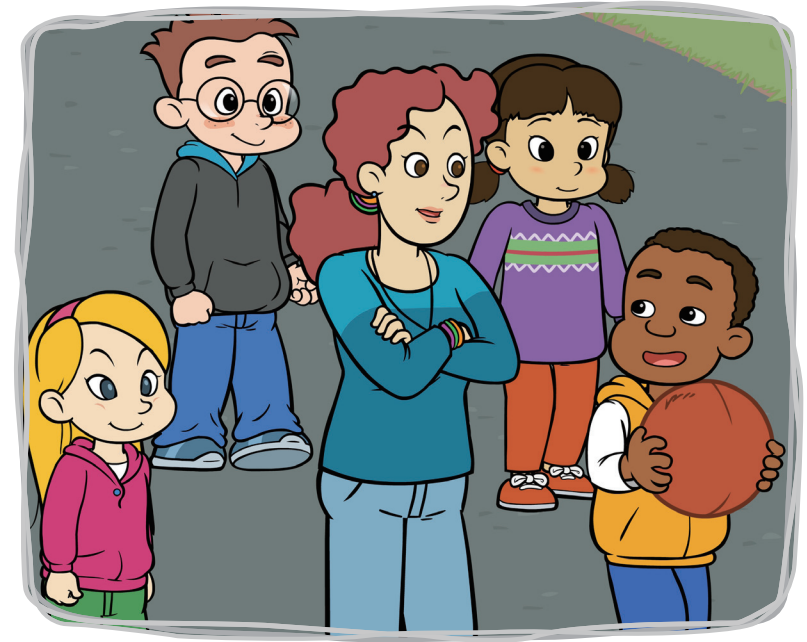
out to win. But no one was passing him the ball!

“Three, two, one. Game over,” Miss Shelly said.

“No!” Bobby groaned.

“Hooray, I win!” Nina cried. “Four Square is fun.”

“Yay, Nina,” Izzie cheered.

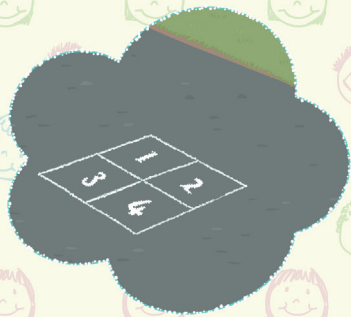


“Four Square is no fair,” Bobby said, frowning.

“Four Square is good practice for basketball, isn’t it?” Miss Shelly said.

Bobby paused. “Yeah, I guess so. It’s good practice for passing. Hey, Miss Shelly, when can we play again?”

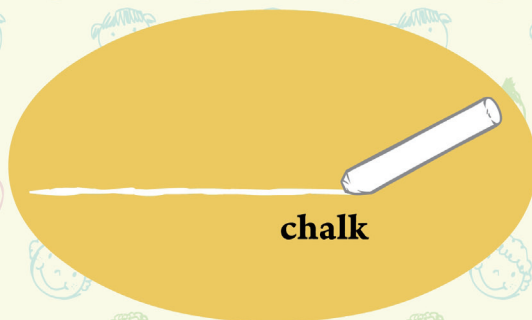
Things You'll Need



a driveway or blacktop surface



a large, bouncy ball



chalk

The Rules of Four Square

- 1) When the ball enters your square, you must hit it and bounce it into another square.
- 2) If you miss the ball, you're out.
- 3) If you catch the ball, you're out.
- 4) If you bounce the ball on a line, you're out.
- 5) If you hit the ball out of the big square without bouncing it in any square first, you're out.
- 6) If the ball bounces twice in your square, you're out.
- 7) When you are out, you move to square 1. The person in square 1 moves to square 2, and so on.
- 8) The person in square 4 does not move unless he or she is out.
- 9) The person in square 4 at the end wins!